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Assad scoffs at Western calls to quit, UN visits

DAMASCUS (AFP) - President Bashar al-Assad on Sunday scoffed at Western calls to quit over his deadly crackdown on dissent, as a UN humanitarian team visited Syria and the Red Cross hoped to send a mission.

"While withholding comment, we tell them that their words are worthless," Assad said in an interview with state television.

"Such remarks should not be made about a president who was chosen by the Syrian people and who was not put in office by the West, a president who was not made in the United States."

He said local elections would be held in December, to be followed by parliamentary polls in February after a new law on political parties comes into effect this week.

He also ruled out bowing to Western demands.

Assad's television appearance was his first since June 20, and only his fourth since the start of pro-democracy demonstrations in mid-March, and came after several world leaders urged him to quit.

US President Barack Obama called on Thursday for Assad to stand down, a demand quickly echoed by the leaders of Britain, France and Germany and Spain.

The UN mission began its first full day in Damascus on Sunday, arriving the previous evening to assess humanitarian needs in the wake of the crackdown which have left more than 2,000 people dead.

The team, led by the head of the Geneva bureau of the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, Rashid Khalikov, began its mission and will stay until August 25, said OCHA spokeswoman Elisabeth Byrs. Speaking on the telephone

from Geneva, she said the mission's objectives were "to see how the UN can support public services and how it can respond to possible humanitarian needs," such as electricity, drinking water, communications and health.

The visit comes after 34 anti-regime protesters were killed on Friday by security forces as anti-regime rallies gripped the country after weekly Muslim prayers, according to the Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights.

Meanwhile, the International Committee of the Red Cross expressed hopes its delegates would soon visit Syrians jailed since the start of the protests.

Rights groups say that more than 10,000 people are behind bars in Syria, which has been gripped by almost daily anti-regime protests since mid-March.

2,000 bodies in Indian Kashmir unmarked graves

SRINAGAR (AFP) - Over 2,000 unidentified bodies have been buried in scores of unmarked graves in Indian Kashmir, according to the state human rights commission in the region roiled by a separatist insurgency.

An independent group based in Srinagar, the International People's Tribunal on Human Rights and Justice (IPT), had in 2009 documented unidentified bodies buried in the region's northern villages.

Indian and international rights groups called for a probe into whether the unmarked graves held the remains of civilians who "disappeared" as Indian security forces battled the insurgency rebels in the Muslim-majority region.

The IPT says 8,000 people have gone missing there during 20 years of rebellion against rule from New Delhi, most of those after they were arrested by security personnel.

Indian officials have repeatedly claimed many of the missing locals had meanwhile crossed to Pakistan to join militant groups.

The commission's report said that of 2,730 unidentified bodies handed over to local residents by police for

burial over the years, 574 were later identified as locals by their relatives.

The report -- prepared by an 11-member team headed by a senior police superintendent -- said that DNA profiling should be used to match unidentified bodies with relatives to resolve the controversy.

Three Indian police and an army officer were arrested this month in Kashmir in separate investigations into the death of a man in custody and an allegedly faked gun-battle.

Alleged rights violations by security forces have led to repeated mass protests in the region, where at least 110 people were killed last year when security forces opened fire during demonstrations triggered by the death of a 17-year-old hit by a police tear gas shell.

Nuclear-armed India and Pakistan have fought two of their three wars over Kashmir, which each country holds in part but claims in full.

The insurgency against New Delhi's rule has left more than 47,000 people dead since 1989, according to an official count. Human rights groups put the toll at double that number.

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White House: Kadhafi's days numbered

VINEYARD HAVEN (AFP) - The White House predicted Sunday that Moamer Kadhafi's days as leader of Libya were numbered, as rebel forces fired the opening shots in a battle for Tripoli.

President Barack Obama received a briefing from senior national security staffer John Brennan at his rented farmhouse on the resort island of Martha's Vineyard, which included inputs from a US team in rebel stronghold Benghazi.

"We believe that Kadhafi's days are numbered, and that the Libyan people deserve a just, democratic and peaceful future," he said, repeating a line frequently used by the administration throughout the Libya crisis.

Rebel advances on Libya came as NATO appeared to intensify its air strikes after urging civilians to avoid areas around government installations and arsenals.

Republican Senator John McCain said he believed Kadhafi's four decades-long rule could be over within "hours if not days" but said that the Obama administration could have hastened his demise with direct US airpower.

Obama committed heavy US firepower to the Libya conflict in the early days, but then handed over responsibility for front line military action to US allies in NATO, though Washington retains a large support role in the mission.

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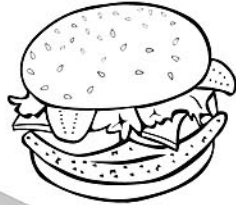
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Dutch Professor makes Presentation of Public Private Participation Program



ORANJESTAD -- The Supreme Audit Bureau intends to be a more open, communicative bureau maintaining dialogue with its stakeholders. An example of this intent is the presentation offered by Professor Cor van Montfort last Monday at the Supreme Audit Bureau. Cor van Montfort's presentation centered on how the Supreme Audit Bureau of

Holland controls the government projects financed by the private sector under the PPP program...Public Private Partnership.

The Dutch professor also recounted the lessons learned from this type of alliance. PPP is a very popular topic in our community of late in respect to the Aruba government's plan to realize a "Green Corridor."

Professor van Montfort also explained the results of an investigation that the Dutch Supreme Audit Bureau made regarding PPP projects conducted worldwide. He cited the risk factors, results and areas deserving careful attention when embarking on such projects.

The Dutch professor is currently a member of the Dutch Supreme Audit Bureau and is head of the department of the Public Private Sector and Education, Culture and Sciences. In addition to this responsibility, he is also a professor at the University of Tilburg and teaches in the realm of Good Governance in Public-Private Arrangements.

Aruba's Supreme Audit Bureau invited several groups involved in the control of projects under the caption of Public Private Participation. It was a very informative and productive session.

Department for Labor Progress (DPL) has issued new forms

ORANJESTAD -- The brand new government labor Office, the Department for Labor Progress DPL, has recently issued new forms pertaining to Jobs Mediation and Re-integration (Job center), Manpower Planning, and Job Admissions. These new forms are currently available at the new offices of DPL. Also, as an added service to their clients, these forms are also

available on their website - www.dpl.aw.

Each of the new forms can be downloaded, filled in and submitted to the office of DPL. The only exception is the Manpower Planning form. This form is not yet available. More information regarding the Manpower Planning for 2012 will be forthcoming very soon. All the forms mentioned may be obtained at the front desk of

DPL at no charge....and, there will be no waiting for the service. For those who may have the old forms already filled out, DPL will accept these forms up to September 1st. After this date everyone will be required to use only the new forms.

DPL kindly requests everyone submitting forms to be careful to fill these out completely and accurately. This will obviously speed up the process. Office hours for collecting forms are daily from 7:45 to 12 noon and from 1:00 to 4:30 pm.

Those who visit the DPL website will be able to view the up-to-date- list of job vacancies as well as other additional relevant information.

Haiti, Dominican Republic in crosshairs of storm Irene



MIAMI, Florida (AFP) - Tropical Storm Irene roared into the northeastern Caribbean Sunday with forecasters warning it could reach hurricane strength as it bore down on the Dominican Republic and quake-ravaged Haiti.

The National Hurricane Center said the storm, the ninth of the Atlantic season, was moving from western Guadeloupe at a speed of 21 miles (33 kilometers) per hour with winds at nearly 50 miles (80 kilometers) per hour.

"Some strengthening is forecast during the next day or so, and Irene could become a hurricane today," the center said.

Hurricane warnings were up from the southern coast of the Dominican Republic to the Haitian border.

Haiti dodged a weather disaster earlier this month when it was brushed by Tropical Storm Emily, but Irene revived fears in a country where some 300,000 people still live in makeshift camps after a catastrophic 2010 earthquake that killed an estimated 225,000 people.

In the Haitian capital, the US embassy announced that the naval hospital ship USNS Comfort, which only arrived in Port-au-Prince on Thursday, would be forced to cease oper-

ations Sunday and seek safe haven due to the forecast.

Haiti was the ship's final port of call at the end of a five-month humanitarian aid mission in Latin America and the Caribbean.

"Irene will pass near Puerto Rico early today and approach the Dominican Republic later in the day," the NHC said.

It was expected to dump as much as 10 inches of rain (25 centimeters) on Haiti and the Dominican Republic, and four to seven inches of rain on the Leeward Islands, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

Puerto Rico was under a hurricane watch and a tropical storm warning.

Further south, Harvey was driving across southern Mexico with high winds and rain in tow after striking the coast of Belize on Saturday at tropical storm strength and lashing Guatemala.

It has been downgraded from a tropical storm to a tropical depression, and was expected to dissipate by today.

The storm still posed a threat of flash floods and mudslides in some areas.

While there were no reports of damage or casualties in Belize and Guatemala, hundreds of people were killed last year as a result of storms.

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charming horse-drawn carriage delivered the bride and groom to the beach before Aruba's famous fofoti trees, where the spiritual ceremony was performed by Minister Jeffrey Benfeld. Tears glistened in both their eyes as they declared to each other "You are my partner in life and my one true love, I will always respect your friendship."

Though the trappings were traditional, modern technology allowed the beautiful ceremony to be witnessed by family and friends in Holland and Germany, as a friend with a long distance camera was situ-



ated in the Amsterdam Manor across the way, broadcasting the event to those far away via the Internet in real time.

Lily's long time friend

Goverts van der Hout, was her attending witness; a great advantage of having a wine distributor as you "Maid of Honor" is the gift of a fine French champagne for the wedding toast. Fabian confided that he had, in his opinion, "Just won the best prize in life's lottery."

After their poignant affirmation of love and commitment, the bride and groom and their guests enjoyed a fantasy dinner/wedding party under the stars at Passions on the Beach.

All the staff of THE MORNING NEWS, but particularly Lily's Aunt Ingrid, wish the couple Pabien, Mazel Tov, and all the happiness in the world!

by Rosalie Klein

One's wedding day is a day that many feel passes in a blur, filled with moments that are particularly treasured memories, especially when it is on Aruba. So it was for Lilibeth Does and Fabian Sacher, as they joined in matrimony on Friday, August 19, surrounded by loved ones.

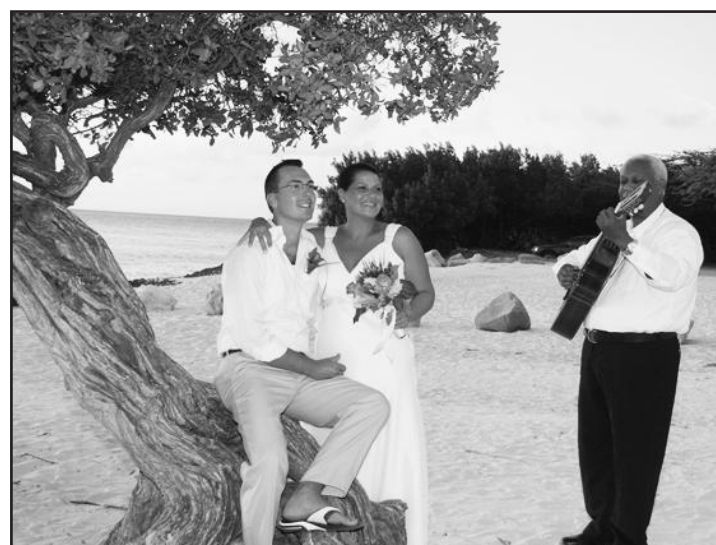
Lilibeth is from Aruba; she and Fabian met nearly 6 years ago when he came to the island from Dusseldorf, Germany to work. When he first met her, Fabian recalls she had a boyfriend at the time, so they became casual friends, and then, when she broke up, they also dated casually before he went back to his homeland.

Missing the island life, Fabian took a vacation in Curacao a bit less than a year ago, where he bumped into Lili-

beth, and the ashes were re-ignited in a flaming romance. He never returned to Germany, and after months of the two of them commuting back and forth between the two islands on weekends, Fabian landed a job at the Aruba Marriot Vacation Club sales offices.

A proposal came soon after and the dream wedding of their lives, with Fabian's parents, Martina and Detlef, and his sister Jennifer attending, there to witness the touching ceremony performed in Aruba's picturesque Town Hall, where the couple was legally married in the morning. Lily's parents, Frank and Liz Does-Bisslick, had a difficult time holding back the tears as they watched their daughter become part of this family.

As the sun began to set, a



Sci-Tech

Internet takes "distance-learning" into the Amazon



A view of pre-school class in the City of Manaus, along Amazon River, Brazil.

TUMBIRA (AFP) - The Internet is letting a school sprout in the Amazon where teachers tend not to linger due to harsh living conditions and a scarcity of students.

Teachers in Manaus, the capital of the Brazilian state of Amazonas, conduct lessons streamed to students in the village of Tumbira using an Internet connection made possible with a generator-powered radio signal.

If not for "distance learning," children from far-flung Amazon river communities would forgo school or endure arduous boat trips to places with traditional schools.

"There was skepticism whether this system would work," Tumbira school director Izolena Garrido told AFP.

While Internet technology made the school possible, opposition came from traditional schools in cities that saw money spent on distance-learning as eating into government funding for public education.

"So, we established a model for teaching and learning and just got the school going," Garrido said. "With or without students, we were going to get this school going."

A home for the distance-learning school was created by Amazonas Sustainable Foundation (FAS), which built classrooms, a library and even sleeping quarters where students could string up hammocks that serve as bedding

in the Amazon.

Garrido enlisted local teachers and invited parents to visit the school, which provides an intimate setting. Children from six Amazon communities aside from Tumbira signed on for the program launched about 18 months ago.

"Technology, in many ways, opens the door for revolution," FAS superintendent Virgilio Viana said during a visit to Tumbira.

"Here we are only able to do what we are doing with education because of technology, because of the Internet... If not for this, it would not be possible."

Tumbira classes take place in the afternoons and evenings, when the generator runs and there is power for the Internet.

Children intently watch teachers on flat-screen monitors equipped with Web cameras that let distant professors see students, peruse homework or follow exercises in classes.

"It's as if the teacher is in the classroom," said 16-year-old Ednaldo, one of the 76 students at the Tumbira school.

Courses range from math and sciences to first aid, health and exercise.

Local teachers sit with students, answering questions and helping with assignments.

"It is a pretty amazing experience," said Tumbira teacher Yolanda de Jesus dos Santos.

"Children really love electronics and the Internet, and this method saves time," she added. "I don't have to plan every class, so I can focus on dance, theater, and other projects for the children."

Students pay attention because if they miss anything important, professors won't be around after class to answer questions, according to dos Santos.

Students click icons to virtually raise hands in chat rooms used for questions or comments during classes.

Homework is done at school, which features a library, Internet and assisting teachers like dos Santos.

Students also work in vegetable gardens and learn about sustainably harvesting trees and working with wood.

"The goal is to have students learn skills that they can take back to develop within their communities," Garrido said.

There are also computing and Internet classes, with students required to maintain a "Passion for the Amazon" blog and upload digital photographs. Students boasted email and Facebook accounts.

The school has support from FAS, along with a non-governmental organization devoted to keeping alive the stories and culture of Amazonian people.

The distance school is a boon to local women like Maria do Socorro da Silva Mendonca, who had just a couple of years of schooling before marrying and starting a family.

Mendonca, 40, and her two teenage sons attend classes in Tumbira, where she has lived for 17 years.

When asked whether she would be back in school without distance learning, she emphatically answered "No."

A cabin with urban amenities was being built by FAS to entice researchers and city teachers to spend time working in the Amazon.

Viana envisioned the two-classroom school accessible only by boat on the Rio Negro becoming a university devoted to living in harmony with the rain forest.

There are already students who finished high school eager to continue learning, he said.

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HP surrenders as post-PC era beckons

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The stunning announcement by Hewlett-Packard, the world's top personal computer maker, that it is taking steps to exit the business is the surest sign yet the post-PC era is here.

HP said its board has authorized the evaluation of "strategic alternatives" for its unit that could sell or spin off its PC business into a separate company.

The Windows-powered PC has been at the center of the lives of consumers for years but the arrival of powerful smartphones -- essentially pocket computers -- and touchscreen tablets like Apple's iPad has lessened its importance.

Consumers no longer need a desktop or a laptop to be connected and with the steady erosion of profit margins on PCs, HP failed to position itself with the products of the future, Forrester Research analyst Sarah Rotman Epps said.

"What (the post-PC era) really means is not that PCs go away but that there's a shift away from computers to computing," Rotman Epps told AFP.

"Computing happens now

on many different devices and it's a much diverse landscape than one type of computer," she said. "And HP really didn't have an answer for what was next beyond the PC."

"Apple has been able to innovate, to sell the iPad, an all-new form factor, because of its non-hardware ecosystem," Rotman Epps said. "It has the channel in the Apple store, it has the service, and it has the software -- iTunes, the App store, the whole developer platform."

"HP took a baby step towards getting there when they acquired the Palm webOS but they weren't willing to really go full throttle."

California-based HP also said it was stopping production of its iPad rival, the TouchPad, and phones based on the webOS mobile operating system acquired from Palm last year for \$1.2 billion.

Explaining the moves, HP chief executive Leo Apotheker said the weak economy was having an impact on PC sales but there is also a "clear secular movement in the consumer PC space."

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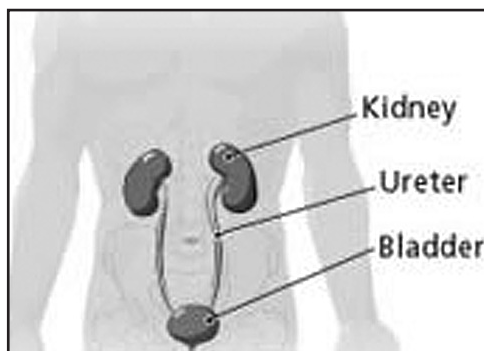
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Health & Living

Urine Markers May Reveal Kidney Damage Earlier



a male anatomy -kidneys

Researchers have pinpointed certain markers in urine that may indicate acute kidney injury (AKI), a finding they believe could lead to a simple urine test to diagnose AKI early and prevent kidney failure.

AKI usually doesn't show obvious physical symptoms, which is why researchers are eager to find other signs of disease.

The study found that urine samples from mice and humans with AKI had elevated levels of monocyte chemoattractant protein-1 (MCP-1) as

well as its mRNA (the template for protein synthesis).

This suggests that the gene that encodes MCP-1 and its mRNA is activated in patients with AKI, said the researchers.

Previous studies have found MCP-1, which plays a role in recruiting immune cells to injured or infected sites in the body, in the joints of patients with rheumatoid arthritis and in the urine of people with lupus.

Using a new technique called chromatin immunoprecipitation assay, the scientists were also able to show changes in proteins (known as histones) that can activate the gene that produces MCP-1. This is the first study to show that these protein modifiers can be detected in human urine.

The research will be published in an upcoming issue of

the Journal of the American Society of Nephrology.

"This is a new diagnostic test that provides information about what processes are actually inducing acute kidney injury; however, a much larger prospective study is required to ultimately determine clinical utility," wrote Dr. Richard Zager of the clinical research division at Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center and colleagues in a news release from the publisher.

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For the second year in a row, US health experts are urging to get a flu shot, even though the circulating strains of flu have not changed since the 2010-2011 flu season.

The vaccine will be available in a syringe or via a nasal spray.

Elderly people can get a high-dose vaccine.

The CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) also warned of the possibility that immunity provided from flu shots given last year, which included the H1N1 pandemic flu strain, may not suffice in the fight against the 2011 strain.

People who have previously had severe allergic reactions to an influenza vaccine should not be vac-

nated, the committee said.

Some people with egg allergies may be safely vaccinated — they should receive the inactivated form of the vaccine, which is injected into the muscle, rather than the live (but weakened) virus vaccine, which is given via an intranasal spray, the committee said.

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Nominees were Ana-Maria Paniaqua of the housekeeping department for her commitment to deliver perfectly clean and well-kept rooms; Jean Cruz from Giorgio's - Ristorante Italiano for her great initiatives and attentiveness to

the restaurant guests; Denisi Bastos for taking so well care of the flora and fauna of the resort; Ludovico Henriquez for his high motivation and responsibility in the Giorgio's kitchen and Ignacio Peterson – longtime bartender at the Pega-Pega Beach Bar for making the resort guests feel right at home.

Overall winner of the title Employees of the 2nd Quarter is Ignacio Peterson also known to our guests as Iggy or Smiley. Here is what some of the resort guests say about Ignacio on TripAdvisor a popular tra-

veler's review web site: "Ignacio if you see this - WE MISS YOU!!!! We loved watching the baseball highlights with you as you were closing!" and another reviewer said the following: "In the afternoon we go to the Pega-Pega bar "where Ignacio rules", I have never met a bar man who is so friendly and humorous, his big smile is very contagious.

Picture featuring the nominees together with general manager, Edgar Roelofs and assistant manager Rita van Vollevelde.

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Friday's concert begins at 8:00 PM and it will be 4 hours of fine music and dancing, sponsored by the Renaissance and Aruba Trading Company with Label 5, Scotch Whiskey. Flame will also officially introduce their original song "Aventura Prohibida" (Illicit Ad-



Lead singer Luigi Cortes

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by Rosalie Klein

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Swedish royal couple turned away from German restaurant

BERLIN (AFP) - A red-faced restaurant owner in southern Germany admitted yesterday she had turned away Sweden's king and queen when they asked for a table after failing to recognise them.

Nadine Schellenberger of Zum Guelden Stern, a half-timbered inn and pub founded in the 16th century in the centre of the southwestern town of Ladenburg, said the royals stopped in while she was hosting a wedding party.

"I didn't recognise them. I mean without crowns and sceptres... I am just not up on royal families and I don't have time for glossy magazines," she told AFP after the incident

Thursday.

"Whether you're a street sweeper or queen -- we just didn't have a table or enough manpower in the kitchen at that time and our hands were tied."

Nevertheless Schellenberger and her husband Michael plan to send a letter to King Carl XVI Gustaf and German-born Queen Silvia to apologise.

"We want to tell them that we are sorry we didn't recognise them immediately and that we weren't able to serve them but that we would be delighted to welcome them another time," she said.



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MetaCare celebrates 15 years serving employees and their children

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MetaCare was created for a specific and special purpose...to provide a secondary benefit to employees of MetaCorp and subsidiary companies. This secondary benefit would benefit all employees and their children. It was to be the creation of a care center where children could be cared for after school while their parents are still at work.

MetaCare would care for these children, helping them with homework, offer them a hot lunch, engage them in recreation and educative games, etc.



From a survey, MetaCorp and her subsidiaries learned that one of the biggest concerns of their employees while at work was for their children. Employees wanted to be sure they could find a suitable and safe place where they could leave their children while they are at work. This led to the founding in 1996 of MetaCare, the very year that the survey was conducted. The major part of the expense for operating and managing the center is carried by MetaCorp. Parents can choose to send their children to MetaCare for full days or half days. Parents of MetaCorp embraced this opportunity with both arms and immediately registered their kids. They were all very enthusiastic and very grateful for the opportunity to have a safe and beautiful place with a delightful ambiance where they could leave their kids while they're at work. In this manner, MetaCare plays a vital role in the tranquility of working mothers.

MetaCorp and its subsidiary outlets bears 80% of the cost of the program, while



the parents provide only 20% of the cost. In addition, each employee contributes to the cost in proportion to the size of their income. Those earning more contribute more than those earning less.

MetaCare will accept babies of one year old who are already walking, up to youngsters of 12 years of age. The amount of children in each age category is limited so that they can provide optimal care and attention to each child. Today there are 90 children under the MetaCare program who are either in the full day care or half day care.

Each child is guaranteed excellent care in a safe, friendly, hygienic and structured environment which is MetaCare's primary objective. For the past 15 years this is what they have been offering the kids of their employees thanks to the tremendous team under the expert leadership of Emely Ridderstap.



According to Emely Ridderstap, the entire center is childproof. At MetaCare they think of every detail so that the entire center is enjoyable as well as perfectly safe for the children.

The children will tell you that the place is enjoyable and

that they adore their "juffrouw" who take care of them and give them affection and respect. They love the spacious playground with its many swings and slides and places to recreate.

MetaCorp also provides professional after school guides for those kids who need additional assistance with their school work. There are many activities for special occasions; and in the big school vacation there is the famous MetaCare Camp.

During last week's 15 year's celebration each child who attends the center received a free T-shirt as a special memento to show everyone that they are proud MetaKids. They celebrated with numerous games and fun activities such as face painting, balloon figures, magician tricks, zumba, dino jump, and other fun things. The kids also enjoyed popcorn, cotton candy, hotdogs and soft drinks.

Head Leader of the center, Juffrouw Emely and the other leaders of MetaCare, Ivy Goeloe, Noraima de Windt, Yeimie Brete, Julianne Vingal, Jane Geerman, Marva Pantophlet, Orayma Ras, Martha Vicioso, Mariana Oduber, Vivian Kelly and Maria Vrolijk along with the protective ladies of MetaCare, Frida Croes and Enrita Werleman are very proud of MetaCare and its children.

The entire team of MetaCare expressed gratitude to the parents of the many kids for the confidence they placed in them to care for their children during the past 15 years.

Accompanying photos show some of the celebrations which took place with the vi-

sionary Eduardo de Veer and Gerardo de Veer of MetaCorp enjoying the celebration with everyone. Both de Veers were very proud of the center and of the tremendous support it has been to their employees over the years.

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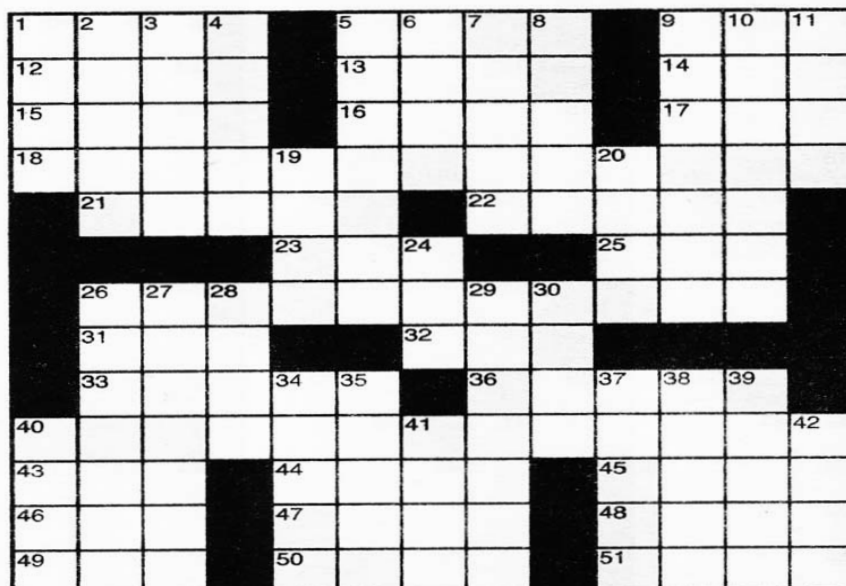
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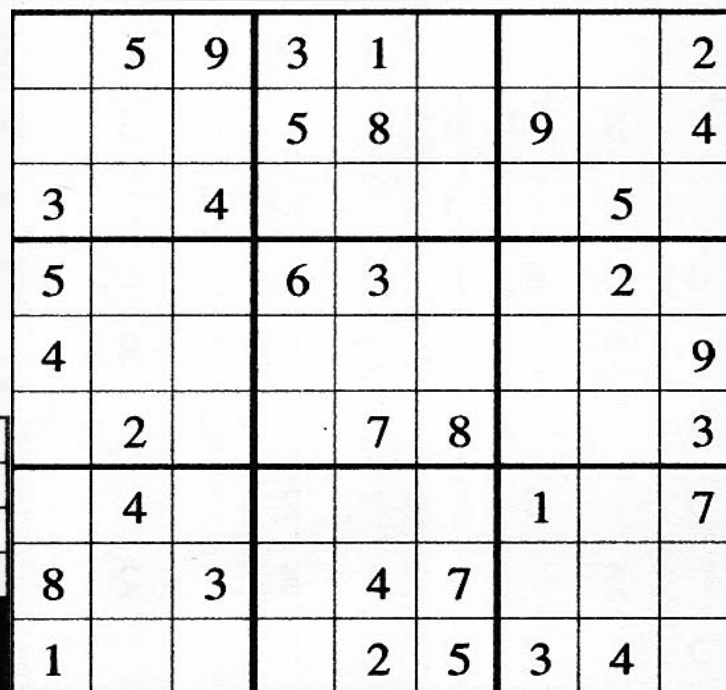
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EU embargo on Syrian oil set for Tuesday: diplomats

BRUSSELS (AFP) - EU governments have "as good as" wrapped up a key deal to ban imports of Syria's crude oil, diplomats said Sunday, as Syrian President Bashar al-Assad readied a major TV address.

New legislation drafted over the weekend includes "restrictive measures in the area of oil, notably an embargo on the import of Syrian crude oil," according to an agreement reached by European Union ambassadors.

"It's not a done deal yet, but it's as good as," a well-placed EU source told AFP. "The 27 states tasked the EU with preparing the ban, and on Tuesday we will put the formal legislation on the table," he said.

The legislation adds a new category of people or businesses that can be sanctioned -- those who "benefit from" Assad's regime.

Previously sanctions only covered those who "support" a government accused of orchestrating a military crackdown that has already left more than 2,000 people dead, activists say.

In London, the Foreign Office website quoted its minister Alistair Burt as telling BBC radio that Britain preferred sanctions "targeted on those who support the regime," but that London had

"agreed to consider" the legal changes enabling the embargo.

If confirmed, the EU oil embargo will become the hardest-hitting sanction the West has yet applied to Damascus.

It comes as a UN humanitarian team is assessing crisis needs on the ground and Assad is finalising his end-of-Ramadan evening speech to mark his first TV appearance in two months of bloody protests.

While Syria is only responsible for about 0.5 percent of global crude oil production, around 90 percent of production running at 385,000 barrels

per day was exported to the EU in 2010.

Data from the Brussels EU executive shows that nearly eight million tonnes went to just six EU states -- Denmark, Italy, France, the Netherlands, Austria and Spain, in that order.

US President Barack Obama and the leaders of Britain, France, Germany and Spain on Thursday called publicly for Assad to quit power, a demand dismissed by Russia and Turkey.

At least 36 anti-regime protesters have been killed by security forces since weekly Muslim prayers on Friday, activists say.

Coca-Cola to invest \$4 billion in China



Coca-Cola brand and Minute Maid Pulpy, China's most popular juice brand, he said in the statement.

SHANGHAI (AFP) - American soft drinks giant Coca-Cola said it will invest \$4 billion in China over the next three years, as it deepens its expansion into the world's second largest economy.

The huge investment, starting from 2012, will follow an estimated spend of more than \$3 billion in the three years to the end of 2011, the world's biggest soft drinks maker said in a statement.

Coca-Cola's growth in emerging markets has helped it weather the weak US economy.

Chairman and chief executive Kent Muhtar said China was one of the biggest growth markets for the company.

Sales volumes have doubled over the last five years, spurred by strong demand for

In an interview with the official Xinhua news agency, Muhtar said he believed China, currently the company's third biggest market following the United States and Mexico, would eventually become its largest global market.

Coca-Cola would be interested in listing on the planned international board of the Shanghai Stock Exchange, he added.

China has said it would allow foreign companies to sell shares on the domestic stock market as part of efforts to build Shanghai into an international financial hub, but it has yet to unveil detailed regulations.

Coca-Cola operates more than 40 plants in China, employing more than 48,000 people, it said in the statement.

Prosecutor to seek dismissal of case against DSK: report

NEW YORK (AFP) - The prosecutor in charge of the sexual assault case against Dominique Strauss-Kahn will ask a judge Tuesday to dismiss all charges against the former IMF chief, the New York Post reported Sunday.

Citing sources close to the prosecutor, the Post said Manhattan District Attorney Cyrus Vance was prepared to file a motion for dismissal, and said such motions are generally accepted by the judge.

If that is the case, Dominique Strauss-Kahn could be free to return to France immediately.

According to the Post, the motion will conclude that the charges against the former IMF managing director, accused by a hotel maid of sexually assaulting her May 14 at a Sofitel hotel in Manhattan,

cannot be proven beyond a reasonable doubt.

In the motion, Vance is expected to review all the findings of his four month investigation, including new elements not previously known, that raise doubts about the credibility of Nafissatou Diallo, the newspaper added.

On Saturday, the woman's lawyer, Kenneth Thompson, told the New York Times that he expected the charges to be dropped.

Vance has summoned Diallo and her lawyers to a meeting on Monday ahead of the latest hearing in the extraordinary three-month-long legal saga that led to Strauss-Kahn's resignation as head of the IMF and may have ruined his chances to seek France's presidency.

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Gold Coast Aruba: Great savings for large families on holiday rentals



Aruba's newest and most innovative gated community has enjoyed steady sales since breaking ground, as many are finding the secure surroundings and outstanding amenities are just what they were looking for before considering purchasing property on the island. Some owners are using the villas or town homes as vacation retreats rather than full time and are taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready income.

"The greater portion of home owners are using their 'home away from home' in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," noted Gold Coast developer Fito Croes. To assist in the demand for more complete facilities for groups and families, famed hotelier Ed Ma-lone has been placed in charge of the rental program.

Staying at Gold Coast is a very attractive proposition for those traveling with groups that would require multiple hotel rooms. Two and three bedroom Villas or Town Homes accommodate large numbers and offer extensive amenities along with a final cost resulting in considerable savings. The community is minutes to the best beaches and all the casino action, and offers a quiet and secluded getaway with two swimming pools and specialized services with more on the way, such as a fitness room, tennis courts and mini-mall. Ed can arrange maid service, babysitters, caterers,

airline pick-up and drop-off; they even boast a shopping service to stock your shelves before arrival.

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available for a modest fee. Concierge services to arrange rental cars, spa appointments, activities and restaurant reservations are all part of the package.

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rooms grace each abode; barbecues and lounges are provided for friendly cookouts and truly savoring the island life. All homes come with cable TV, high-speed fiber-optic Internet connection, individual washer/dryer, and are fully air-conditioned. Cribs, high chairs and hair dryers are

home, not while waiting on line at check-in desk. In every way, Gold Coast seeks to pamper their guests while providing them with the feeling of being in a cozy community, not the normally bustling resort, particularly experienced during the major holidays. If you wish an optimal vacation

experience with great savings, visit their website: www.goldcoastaruba.com to get acquainted with the community and the layout, details and availability of accommodations, or call 586-2200 to talk personally to a Gold Coast representative.



Spectacular Segafredo in South Beach Center-Much more than great coffee



Segafredo Terrace

South Beach Center in Palm Beach, across from the Radisson Resort, hosts a number of interesting shops and a wealth of restaurants; we just discovered what may be for lovers of Italian food one of the best and most surprising treasures in the area.

For those not familiar with Segafredo, it is an Italian franchise favored around the world for its great coffee. However, the Aruban outlet now offers so much more. Combined with its charming terrace and the open-air European ambiance, those seeking a delightful dining experience will be as pleasantly surprised as we were while testing out the offerings of their newly acquired award-winning chef.

The cozy eatery now boasts a diverse menu of Panini and Piadine, pastas and antipasti, salads and gourmet thin-crust pizza. We were a party of three and shared the Insalata di Mare, (Seafood Salad), Bruschetta al Pomodoro (there are 3 different kinds!), the Linguini Frutti di Mare and a Pizza Segafredo, topped with 2 kinds of cheese, ham, mushrooms, whole black olives, green pepper and roasted eggplant-absolutely delicious, as was every dish. The seafood salad is served with a fresh-baked piadina, a huge, crusty puff of bread that you break up and use to scoop up this delectable mix of shellfish, arugula and



Italian feast for two at a bargain price

other tasty items we failed to identify, but nonetheless enjoyed immensely, seasoned to perfection. One of our party claims to be "very, very, fussy about my seafood," and give this dish in particular their highest praise. The linguini was rich with whole shrimp, mussels, clams and calamari in a sauce that was simply exquisite!

More than ample portions allowed us to share everything and depart utterly stuffed. All of this for a final bill of just barely \$60 that left us well satisfied; our tummies were nicely filled and our wallets weren't empty, always a significant plus in enjoying one's meal. Segafredo offers some tempting desserts, a nice wine list and imported Italian beer, which perfectly complements their 13 varieties of pizza- or invent your own, and a nice selection of typical desserts, such as Tiramisu. They have a fine cabinet of after-dinner liqueurs and patrons are welcome to extend their evening at the South Beach Lounge. Dinner hours are from 6:00 PM to 1:00, so if you have a late-night urge for something special, this is definitely the place.

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Aruba Tourism Authority staff agree: Ritmo Cubano is fantastic and fantastical



Paseo Herencia owners Alex Lovera and Dan Oduber along with General Manager Valerie Camacho-Pietersz and Marketing Manager Candy Rasmijn,

were proud to welcome special guests from the Aruba Tourism Authority to the V.I.P section of the Plaza Padu amphitheater for a performance of their early

evening fantasy show by Ritmo Cubano.

This mini- "Cirque du Soleil" type program is free to one and all, every Thursday evening beginning at 8:00 PM. A parade of tumblers, acrobats, clowns and a fire show that makes the audience gasp in wonder ends with an enthusiastic interactive photo session with the crew, allowing the audience to immortalize the moment.

ATA staff members were properly impressed by the stunning evening, as well as a delightful snack samplers provided by Iguana Cantina and an exotic strawberry laden toast from Sky Lounge. In fact, the latter was so tempting, they



ATA meets Ritmo Cubano

could not resist some post-show relaxation around the Sky Lounge bar, also located in the plaza, which features a charming open air venue to while away the late evening hours savoring Aruba's gentle tradewinds and island ambience.

Don't miss the weekly performance of Ritmo Cubano this coming Thursday and every week; Paseo Herencia is home to several family-oriented eateries can dozens of stylish shops open until 10:00 PM, which makes it a complete evening for all ages.

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BRIDGE RESULTS ALOHA BRIDGE CLUB ARUBA



Thursday, August 18, 2011

A total of 8 pairs attended the bridge session of this morning at the Members Lounge of the Aruba Beach Club Resort.

The results 50% and higher are as follows:

- 1) Nelly Aal/Gerry Meenhorst -64.51%
- 2) Simone Davis/George Manning -57.85%
- 3) Willy Flanegin / Mar-

itza van Romondt -56.88%

4) Stascha Hornix/Henk Berghuizen -54.38%

5) Marleen van Baarlen/Jaenette Schoemaker -53.62%

Friday, August 19, 2011

A total of 7 pairs joined the evening bridge session at the Frank Conway Room of the Casa del Mar Beach Resort.

The results 50% and higher are as follows:

1) Marleen van Baarlen / Annette Ybeles -65.00%

2) Ineke Jobse / Geke In 't Veld -61.25%

3) Marion Pijper / Lineke Kluiving -52.50%

4) Addy Eilers / Willem Jacobusse -50.00%

5) Gerry Meenhorst / Sheila Lampe -50.00%

Aloha Bridge Club Aruba meets twice a week: on Thursday mornings at the Members Lounge of the Aruba Beach Club Resort, starting at 9.00 am and on Friday evenings at the Frank Conway Room of Casa del Mar, starting at 7.30 pm. Signing up closes ten minutes before starting time. Fee for guest players is \$ 6.00 or Afl. 10.00 per person. The club can also be of assistance in finding single players a bridge partner.

Please call Addy Eilers, tel. 5824953.

Cricket: England on brink of India whitewash

LONDON (AFP) - England finally saw off Rahul Dravid as they closed in on a 4-0 series rout of India at The Oval here on Sunday.

Dravid batted for more than seven hours in the fourth Test before England found a way to break 'The Wall'.

But India, following-on, were 129 for three at the close of the fourth day, still 162 runs behind England's first innings 591 for six declared built upon Ian Bell's Test-best 235 and Kevin Pietersen's 175.

Sachin Tendulkar, bidding for an unprecedented 100th international century, was 25 not out and nightwatchman Amit Mishra eight not out.

England though needed just seven more wickets on Monday's final day to complete a 4-0 clean sweep for the first time since a home whitewash of the West Indies in 2004.

Meanwhile England off-spinner Graeme Swann, who removed both Dravid and Virender Sehwag before stumps, was looking forward to bowling on a last day pitch already offering turn.

India resumed Sunday in the desperate position of 103 for five.

Dravid was 57 not out and India captain Mahendra Singh Dhoni five not out.

But Dhoni, who never looked settled, was out for 17 when he pushed tentatively at a James Anderson outswinger

and was caught behind.

Dravid, responsible for all three India centuries this series, sped through the 90s with three fours in four balls from off-spinner Graeme Swann, a sweep and a late cut preceding his elegant advance down the pitch to create a half-volley he clipped through mid-wicket.

A late cut two off Tim Bresnan then saw Dravid to his hundred.

Dravid's century was the second time this series he'd made a hundred while opening in the absence of regular opener Gautam Gambhir.

He had previously made 117, when Gambhir missed the second Test at Trent Bridge with an elbow injury, following his 103 not out at Lord's.

Dravid's 35th Test century took him in front of hero Sunil Gavaskar's mark of 34 and fourth in the all-time list behind Tendulkar (51), South Africa's Jacques Kallis (40) and Australia's Ricky Ponting (39).

India started the second session on 218 for six, with Dravid 109 not out and Mishra, who'd driven Swann for six off the last ball before lunch, 38 not out.

However, Mishra added just five more runs before he was brilliantly caught by a diving Bell at an unusually positioned short backward square leg off a pull against Bresnan.

Bresnan struck twice in three balls as India were bowled out for 300 -- the first time they'd made the score this series.

Dravid had contributed nearly 50 percent thanks to a masterful 146 not out in 266 balls with 20 fours.

He was only the third Indian after Gavaskar and Virender Sehwag to carry his bat in a Test innings but India were still 92 adrift of avoiding the follow-on.

The selfless Dravid kept his pads on as Gautam Gambhir, who hadn't opened in the first innings after suffering concussion fielding on Friday, stayed put.

Nut his resistance ended when, on 13, he turned Swann to Alastair Cook at short leg.

He was only dismissed when Rod Tucker's original not out decision was overturned by fellow Australian Steve Davis after England requested a review.

"I thought I got a bit of a feather on it," said Dravid, who received a standing ovation from a capacity 23,500 crowd as he walked into the pavilion.

Sehwag made a typically dashing 33 before he was bowled between bat and pad by Swann.

Venkatsai Laxman was then bowled for 24 by a superb Anderson delivery that angled in and uprooted his off-stump.



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Tennis: Weary Djokovic says he'll be ready for US Open



Novak Djokovic of Serbia is treated by ATP trainer Hugo Gravil during the Western & Southern Open at the Lindner Family Tennis Center on August 21, 2011 in Mason, Ohio.

CINCINNATI (AFP) - Novak Djokovic was paying the price for sustained excellence on Sunday, but after retiring injured from the Cincinnati Masters final the weary and aching world No. 1 vowed to bounce back at the US Open.

Djokovic, battling fatigue and a painful right shoulder that hindered his serve and forehand, called it quits while trailing Scotland's Andy Murray 6-4, 3-0.

It was just the second defeat of the season for the Serbian, who arrived in Cincinnati after capturing the Montreal Masters the previous week and was trying to complete a third set of back-to-back Masters titles after his Indian Wells-Miami hardcourt titles were followed by victories at Madrid and Rome.

In all he has won nine titles this season, including the Australian Open and Wimbledon.

His victory at the All England Club saw him rise to the top of the rankings, but his spectacular success has a

downside.

"I've played so many matches this year," Djokovic said. "I've been winning a lot and reaching the final stages of each event that I've participated in."

"Considering the schedule that is very busy in tennis, it's kind of normal to expect that at some stage you are exhausted. But as I said, I am confident that I can recover and be ready for US Open."

Djokovic's only prior defeat this season was to Roger Federer in the semi-finals of the French Open.

That halted his season-opening winning streak at 41 matches -- one shy of tying John McEnroe's 1984 record of a 42-match winning start to a season.

Since then Djokovic had won 16 straight matches, but even in Montreal he was feeling a nagging discomfort in his shoulder.

"The major issue was shoulder," he confirmed. "Generally I was quite ex-

hausted playing many matches, but the exhaustion is not the reason.

"The reason is shoulder pain. I just could not serve. I served an average 90 miles per hour the first serve, and I could not play forehands... Running forehand mostly, or when I'm on the stretch."

"Of course I'm not saying if I was 100 percent that I would certainly win because Andy is a great player. But I am sure that we will have a better match."

Now the state of Djokovic's shoulder will become a major topic as the US Open looms. He said he hadn't pursued an MRI exam.

But Djokovic said the stresses of the season were the same for all top players. Even plans to amend the calendar next season won't help that much.

"There has been certain changes from next year -- the year will be two weeks shorter."

Gunfights Disrupt Mexican Soccer Game



MEXICO-CITY-The match between Santos and Morelia was suspended when gunmen opened fire on police outside the stadium in the northern city of Toluca.

TV footage showed terrified players and officials fleeing the field when shots rang out. Santos' Argentine forward Emanuel Luduena ran with his child in his arms.

Thousands of supporters inside the ground ducked for cover, while others ran onto the pitch to move away from the incident, just outside the TSM stadium.

Police said nobody in the stadium was hurt, but one officer had been injured in the ambush on a patrol.

Fernando Olivas, the regional delegate for Coahuila state's attorney general's office, said: "The public security vehicle was attacked by unidentified gunmen outside TSM and the preliminary information we have is that one policeman was injured."

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Murray wins Cincinnati Masters as Djokovic retires

CINCINNATI (AFP) - World number four Andy Murray won the ATP's Cincinnati Masters title for the second time on Sunday as world number one Novak Djokovic retired injured while trailing 6-4, 3-0.

Djokovic conceded just his second defeat of a season against 57 victories.

He was hindered during the match by a sore right shoulder, a problem Djokovic had alluded to after his abbreviated victory over similarly ailing Tomas Berdych in the semi-finals on Saturday.

"Obviously when he started to slow down his

serve toward the end of the first set it was going to be tough for him," said Murray, who also won in Cincinnati in 2008. "Sometimes things can warm up when you play, sometimes they get worse. I just tried to stay focused."

Murray made the most of Djokovic's sluggish start to grab an early break. The Serbian managed to break back but his painful shoulder clearly affected his serve late in the first set.

He received treatment after the first set but in the second he appeared to have trouble even reaching for overheads and called it a day

-- no doubt with the start of the US Open on August 29 in mind.

"Not the way I wanted it to happen," Murray said of becoming just the second man to beat Djokovic in 2011.

"I had a chance, served for

the match against him in Rome and lost -- that was a tough one for me. It's nice to win, but I'd rather beat him in three weeks' time."

That time frame would have Murray facing Djokovic across the net in the US Open

final in New York, and the Scotsman said his week in Ohio had encouraged him heading into the final Grand Slam of the season.

"I've hit the ball better and better as the week went on," he said.

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